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H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1886

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 4: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
- 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- 6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.
- 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Port by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.
- 8.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to the Bank written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1885-86.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be received by the Undersecretary, until 2 p.m. of FRIDAY, the 6th Proximo, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the undermentioned ARTICLES for the Use of H. M. NAVY for the year 1885-86.

1. FRESH MILK, RAISINS, RICE, SUGAR, TEA, &c.
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3. VEGETABLES, SUGAR, TEA, &c.
4. POTATOES, SUGAR, TEA, &c.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars can be obtained at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

W. H. LOBB, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, 25th February, 1885. 327

HONGKONG RACES HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY NEXT, the 26th, 27th and 28th Instant.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,'
JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Acting Manager.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'
J. ARRANGER, Agent.

For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'
H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1885. 299

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company on FRIDAY, 27th February, 1885, at Eleven o'clock a.m., to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st January, 1885, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 293

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6% being \$7.50 per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1884, declared at T-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 320

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1884, on or before the 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 331

NOTICE.

THE FOREIGN TAILOR SHOP, No. 67, Queen's Road Central, under the Style TUNG HING, has been established for years. It has been much indebted to its Customers. Mr. LEUNG SHIU, in the year 1883 entered into service of the Shop as a Scribe, and on the 15th February, 1885, he has RESIGNED his POST to go elsewhere. Customers and Debtors to the said TUNG HING Shop are requested to come personally to the Shop to pay what they owe and get their Receipts. After this information, Debtors to the TUNG HING Shop are requested not to pay TUNG HING's account to LEUNG SHIU, but to TUNG HING, who will come personally to Receive the Payment. Payments will also be received when sent to the Shop, where proper Receipts for the same can be had.

TUNG HING, Tailor, Central District.

Hongkong, February 13, 1885. 280

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An Inspection is invited.

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Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 290

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Hongkong, February 7, 1885. 218

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

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HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS,

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, made on the 20th day of February, 1885. Notice is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of CARL FEIKENDORF FRIEDRICH HERMANN, late Master of the Steamship 'Ching Kien' (who was drowned at sea on the 25th day of January, 1884, intestate), are hereby required to send in writing Particulars of their Claims to the undersigned Solicitors, for NICOLAUS AUGUST STEIN (the person appointed by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to administer the Estate and Effects of the said Deceased), on or before the 1st day of June next, after which time the Administrator will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Deceased, among the Persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which he shall then have had Notice.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1885.
WOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors,
35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, at 4 o'clock p.m., to receive the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 313

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

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2, DUDDELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 68

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, (On Account of whom it may Concern),

WEDNESDAY NEXT.

the 4th March, 1885, at Noon, at his Office, 24, Queen's Road Central,—

A QUANTITY OF ABOUT 2,500 TONS TAKASIMA COAL, on Board the S.S. 'Castell', as she now lies in Flat Island, near the Lyce-moon Pass.

Terms.—Cash immediately after the Sale. Cargo at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

E. JONES HUGHES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 316

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. W. N. BAIN having RESIGNED his appointment will be succeeded by MR. W. M. PARLANE as Manager of this Company from the 1st Proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 319

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Directors have appointed Mr. R. C. HURLEY Secretary and Manager of the Company from the 1st Instant. All Communications should therefore be addressed to him after this date. The Directors believe that, under the new Management, the grounds of complaint heretofore existing will be removed, and that full satisfaction will be given to Supporters.

Hongkong, February 7, 1885. 286

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, By his Attorney, J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship 'Lydia', Captain Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium and Treasure—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. To-day, the 25th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd March will be subject to rent.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left our Godowns. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SLEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1885. 322

STEAMSHIP PEIHO.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships 'Indus' and 'Médée', from London, Thame from Antwerp, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day, the 25th Instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 4th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem. All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 7th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 25, 1885. 325

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship 'Tanais', Captain PATE, will be despatched for YOKO-HAMA on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at 9 a.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 23, 1885. 324

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YIENTSIN (DIRECT.)

The Co.'s Chartered Steamship 'Lido', Captain LUTHER, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 23, 1885. 306

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamship 'Felicity', Captain J. JORDAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st of March, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1885. 326

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship 'Elektra', Captain G. CARTER, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd March, at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the AGENTS of the Company, PRAYA CENTRAL, entrance from Chinese Street.

O. BAHRACH, Agent.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 313

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship 'Celebes', Captain DE HAAN, will be despatched as above on or about the 2nd March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1885. 305

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship 'Glenora', Captain PARK, will be despatched as above on or about the 3rd March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1885. 262

STEAM TO NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship 'Telamon', Captain NANTES, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, 6th March, at Daylight.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 311

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY.
TENTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese and Japanese literature, has reached its Thirtieth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are important in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting notices and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Education, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive Notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

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Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Bittel, Bretschneider, Hirth, and Hance, Professor Legge, and Messrs. Ballou, Wattles, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Crook, Jamieson, Faber, Knapik, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Pilon,—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting." The opening paper by Mr. H. H. Parker, "Short Journeys in Siam," is continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. E. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with much interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java," might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number. —*H.K. Daily Press*.

Traveller's Annual Book contains the following notice of the China Review:—

"The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social development, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and whose are severely represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. G. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Besides notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature to the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance."

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LOCAL DELIVERY.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, but generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at the Post Office, if a wish to that effect is expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Shanghai, or the Port of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

5. The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Pass, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the sender having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Malacca, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents is first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c.), Oil, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Fidelity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-some bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Char, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE VICINITY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs.

Half hour, 10 cts.—One hour, 20 cts.

Three hours, 50 cts.—Six hours, 70 cts.

Day (from 6 to 9), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA FARE.

Single Trip. Return Direct.

Four Coaches, \$1.00. Four Coaches, \$1.50.

Three Coaches, 0.85. Two Coaches, 1.20.

Two Coaches, 0.70. Two Coaches, 1.00.

RETURN.

By Pak-fu-Lam. By Aberdeen, Shortest Road.

Four Coaches, \$2.40. Four Coaches, \$2.50.

Three Coaches, 1.60. Two Coaches, 2.00.

Two Coaches, 1.30. Two Coaches, 1.60.

By Wandau Gap.

Four Coaches, \$1.50. Four Coaches, \$2.40.

Three Coaches, 1.00. Two Coaches, 1.50.

Two Coaches, 0.90. Two Coaches, 1.20.

TO THE PEAK, CHURCH, AND HOUSES IN VICINITY OF MOUNT ALEXANDER AND MOUNT COOGE.

Single Trip. Return Direct.

Four Coaches, 60 cts. Four Coaches, \$1.00.

Three Coaches, 40 cts. Three Coaches, 0.85.

Two Coaches, 30 cts. Two Coaches, 0.70.

Returning by other routes will be the same as from the Peak.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours, except returning by Aberdeen when three hours and a half will be allowed.

For every hour or part of an hour above the three hours, each Coach will be entitled to an additional payment of five cents.

Nothing in above scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Barriers (each).

One Hour, 10 cts.—30 cts.

Half Day, 30 cts.—35 cts.

Day, 50 cts.—55 cts.

Jinricksha.

Quarter Hour, 10 cts.—One Hour, 15 cts.

Half Hour, 10 cts.—Two Hours, 20 cts.

For every hour or part of an hour, 10 cts.

Return, 10 cts.—20 cts.

To Pak-fu-Lam or Quarry Bay, 20 cts.

Return, 10 cts.—20 cts.

To Shaukiwan, 10 cts.—20 cts.

Return, 10 cts.—20 cts.

To Aberdeen, 10 cts.—20 cts.

Return, 10 cts.—20 cts.

If an extra Coach is employed, the fare will be double.

Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

piouls, per Day, 30 cts.—\$3.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

piouls, per Day, 20 cts.—2.00.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 600

piouls, per Day, 15 cts.—1.50.

4th Class Cargo Boat of 600

piouls, per Day, 10 cts.—1.00.

5th Class Cargo Boat of 600

piouls, per Day, 5 cts.—50 cts.

6th Class Cargo Boat of 600

piouls, per Day, 5 cts.—50 cts.

7th Class Cargo Boat of 600

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8th Class Cargo Boat of 600

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42nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

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